

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An "introducing" information generating part of an introducing part generates "introducing" information based on data in a buddy list storing part, in accordance with an instruction of a user of the introduction origin system, and notifies an introduction destination system of the "introducing" information through an "introducing" information notifying part. A buddy list registering part of the introduction system registers a user to a buddy list based on the "introducing" information and generates registration information. A registration information notifying part notifies the introduction target system of the registration information. Furthermore, the registration information notifying part notifies the introduction target system of "introduced" information representing that introduction is received. An "introduced" recognizing part of the introduction target system recognizes an introduction relationship. Furthermore, a state information notifying part notifies an introduction destination system of state information based on the registration information.